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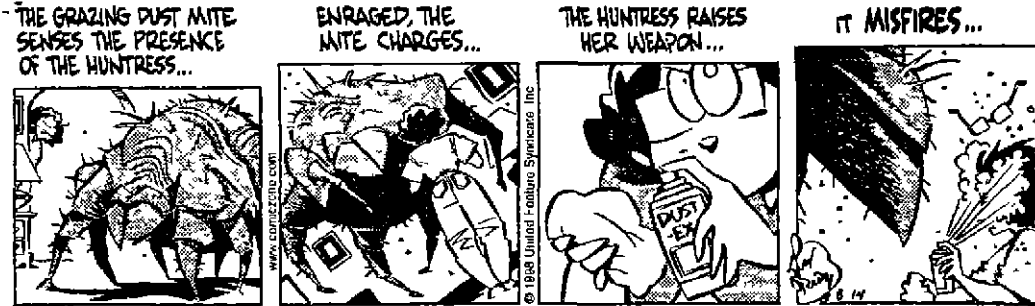
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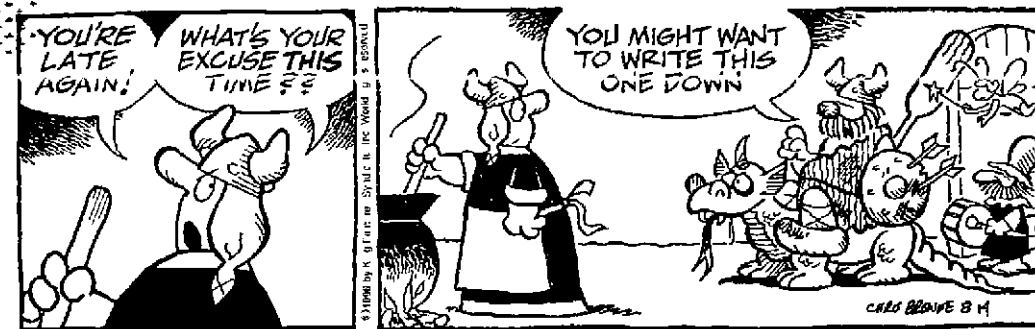
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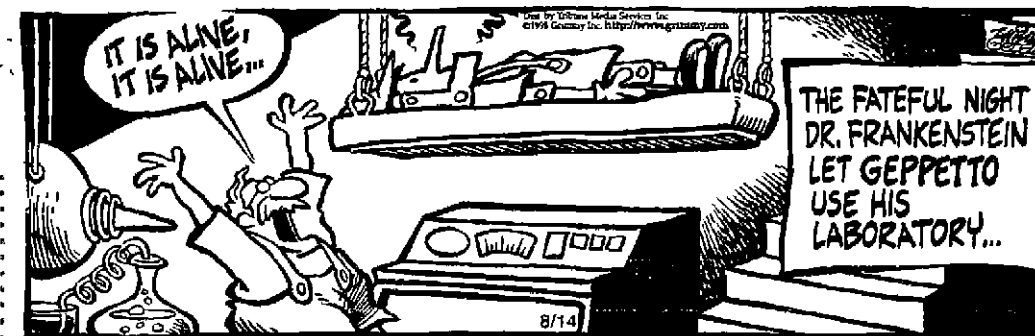
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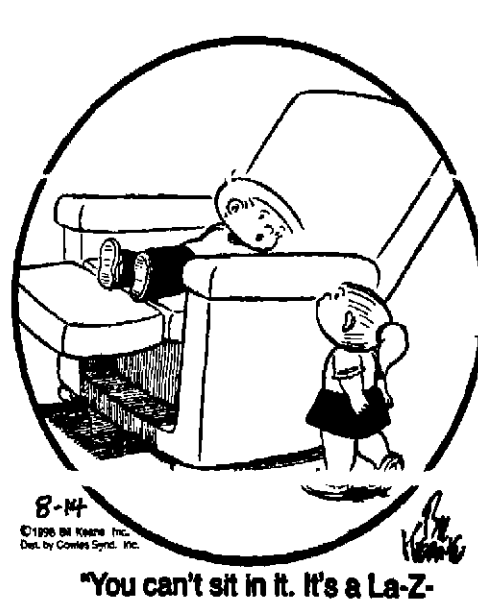
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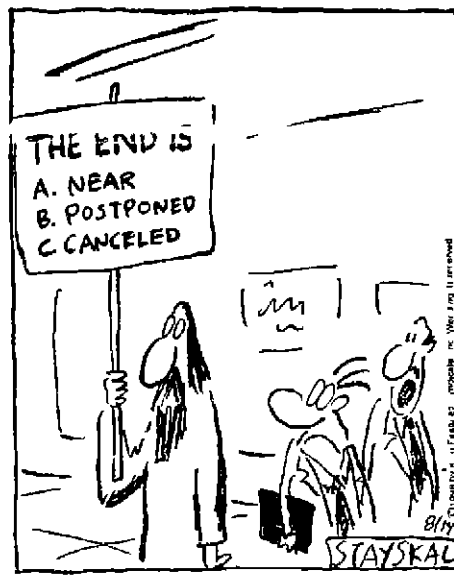
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Newspaper columnist Russell Baker is 73. Singer Buddy Huggins is 72. Rock singer David Crosby is 57. Comedian-actor Steve Martin is 53. Actress Susan Saint James is 52. Singer-musician Larry Graham is 52. Actor Antonio Fargas is 52. Author Danielle Steel is 51. Basketball star-turned-talk show host Magic Johnson is 39. Actress Susan Olsen ("The Brady Bunch") is 37. Actress Halle Berry is 30.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE puzzle grid and instructions. The grid contains letters in a 10x10 format. Instructions include: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blinks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Webster) and OGSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). Judd's Solution Tomorrow 8-14-98.

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Word Sleuth puzzle. A grid of letters with clues. Clues include: Radio - I R E V I E C E R B Y V T Q O L I G D B Y P E W T R P M K I F A S T R O N O M Y D B Y W U S Q O M K E I N C F D Y B Z X W U S T Q C O O S N X A L J H F D S T C L N A I E A N Y W V T I S A O Q A U P T L N N L K L W M I P W H N O C A E B F E M A E B C M E B G N G T T Z Y R V M A R G O R P I N N S W D V E U S R Q P C N M S A L J. Thursday's unlisted clue: LARSEN. Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Friday's unlisted clue hint: BUILDING.

Announcer: Beam, Listener: Telescope. Astronomy: Drama, Program: Tower. Beacon: Galaxy, Signal: Wave. ©1998 King Features, Inc. 8-14

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Aug. 15, 1998. ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Working in groups might be the best way to accomplish a common goal. Being too totalitarian could jeopardize the group dynamic. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Comfortable compromise is your middle name. Don't fret over financial matters. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your stunning wit and shocking good looks will be appreciated during this time of great inner confidence. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your intuitive nature picks up on an odd vibe from the people around you, something is not quite right. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Unresolved and daunting issues on the home front will only get worse if ignored. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) That extra cup of coffee honed your mind to a sharp and dangerous edge. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your current projects might not be as well-received as you'd like, perhaps even considered controversial. Don't scrap them. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Contend with an issue that's been troubling you for a long time, whether it be solving a workplace problem, easing a physical or emotional need or something else. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Tell someone special how you really feel. The awkwardness you feel at first will quickly be forgotten when you are enjoying an intimate moment. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A burning, long-term question will suddenly answer itself. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Finally your creative talents will give you some of the recognition and respect that you've been seeking. PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You desperately need a change of scenery, even if it just means a bit of redecorating or rearranging the furniture.

ACES ON BRIDGE

Acres on Bridge puzzle. A bridge hand with cards and scores. North: ♠ 7 5 3, ♥ 6 5 3, ♦ 9 7 5, ♣ Q 4. South: ♠ A K Q, ♥ A K Q 9 4, ♦ A 8, ♣ A 9 7 3. Vulnerable Both. Dealer South. The bidding: South West North East. 2NT Pass 3NT All pass. *22-24 HCP. Opening lead: Diamond four. Today's deal was the subject of a lengthy post-mortem. Most agreed declarer chose one of several reasonable lines to make his game. However, the defense did not escape criticism. Review the play and try to spot the defensive misdeed. South's ace took East's diamond 10 after dummy played low (playing the diamond queen would have proved better), and South led a club toward dummy's queen. However, West hopped up and led another club, removing dummy's entry. South led a low heart from dummy and won his king when East played low. Carefully, South returned his nine, hoping to drop a doubleton heart ace. This didn't work, but the next best thing happened: West won the jack. With nothing better to do, West switched to spades, South winning his king. He sacrificed his heart king to East's ace, and East desperately led another spade. South won his queen and, with a sure entry in dummy's heart eight, led a diamond to establish a diamond winner. West won his king and exited in spades, but South was in charge. He won his ace, cashed his club ace, and led his heart four to dummy's eight to cash his ninth winner (the diamond queen). What defensive error did you spot? When South led a heart from dummy to his king, West should have unhooked his jack! West had no wish to win a heart trick, and the jack could only get in East's way. Had West thrown the jack, East would have had two heart entries to establish his clubs, and South's game would have gone two down.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0703

N.Y. Times Crossword puzzle. Across clues: 1 Close to closed, 3 Bandy, 5 Set store by, 14 Part of a gimlet, 16 Work orders?, 17 Bygone wedding vow, 18 Mere, 19 "At End House" (Christie mystery), 20 Go by the board?, 22 Molding type, 23 Mottoballed, 25 Corn sugar, 27 Former auto mfr., 29 Formal need, 31 Churl, 32 It may follow a cease-fire, 39 Outdoor decorations, 40 Star's family, perhaps, 41 Together, 42 That, in Oaxaca, 43 British verb ending, 44 Shower unit?, 46 Kind of hall, 51 "Desire" (1953 Barbara Stanwyck movie), 52 Pottery, 54 Big drawer?, 57 Hit the bottle, 59 Smoothed, 61 Architectural afterthought, 62 Some circus performers, 63 Needle, 64 Basil, e.g., 65 First name in architecture. Down clues: 1 Out of balance, 2 See eye to eye, 3 Things of national interest, 4 Took from the top, 5 Go a-courting?, 6 Flag waver?, 7 Adjusters' concerns, 8 Bone to pick, 9 Tony Blair and others, for short, 10 Black boxes, 11 Cricket stage, 12 Becomes inattentive, with "out", 13 French name that sounds like two letters, 15 Tumbler of rhyme, 21 Has a flair for, 24 "You get the here...", 26 Somewhat sour, 27 How bottles of soft drink may be priced?, 28 Scottish blackbird, 29 College founded in 1940, 30 Treats as holy, 34 Fiddle with, 36 Wray and others, 38 Bottom line, so to speak, 40 Massey of "Balalaika", 47 Keats, e.g., 48 Indication, 49 Military formation, 53 Short-billed rail, 55 Square dance official, 56 "cost", 58 Devon river, 60 "Fear not, be dismayed", 61 Chronicles. Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone 1-900-420-5555 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years. 1-888-7-ACROSS.